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*We invite you to stand as able.

*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Please bring children ages 3-11 to Room D prior to the start of Worship for our
Summer KidsQuest Program: Faith Frontier.*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

Not in a Hurry
Worship Team

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Call to Worship

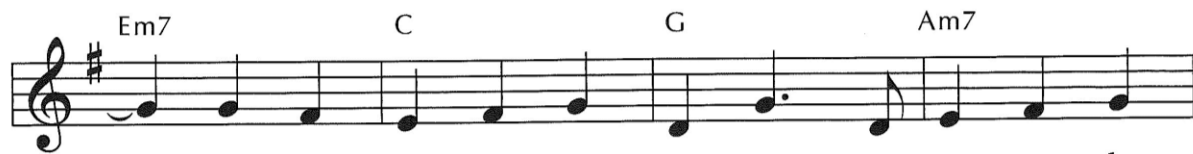
Come by here, our Lord,
come by here.



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

(please continue in silent prayer)

***The Peace**

**The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

**Scripture Readings: Romans 8:18-25
Genesis 28:10-19a**

Sermon

"Sacred Places"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (based on Romans 8:18-25)

We consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains. We groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Musical Reflection

Goodness of God Worship Team

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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In the Life of the Church

Call for Giving



You can use the QR code to give online or place your offering in the baskets located at the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your gifts.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

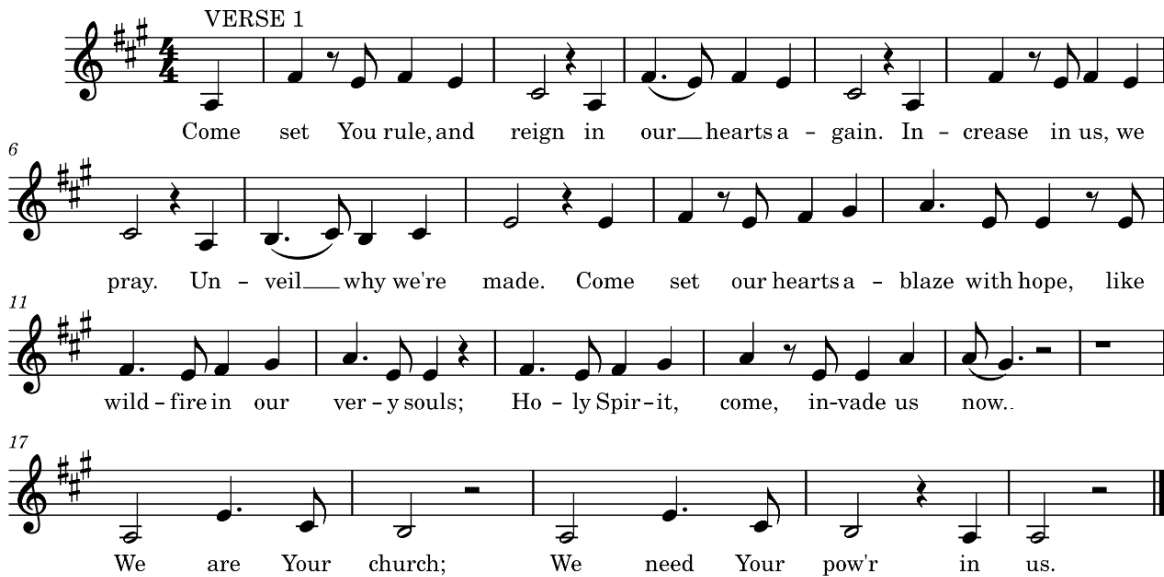
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

VERSE 1

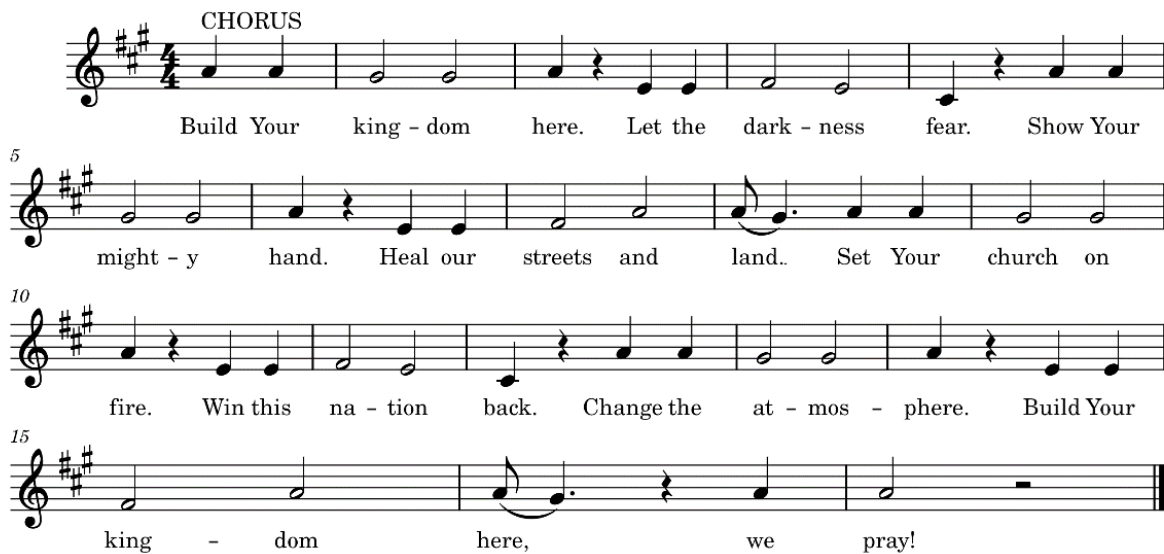


1
Come set You rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In - crease in us, we
6
pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like
11
wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now..
17
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

VERSE 2

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt the sick the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church; We pray revive this earth. (Chorus)

CHORUS



1
Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
5
might - y hand. Heal our streets and land.. Set Your church on
10
fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
15
king - dom here, we pray!

VERSE 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (Chorus)

***Charge and Benediction**

Today's Worship Team

Ella Pinchock, guitar & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Myles Thomas, cajon & percussion

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, and Kat Wilson

If you would like to sign up to be an usher, communion server or to read scripture please go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/FPCVolunteerSignUp>

Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



Members

Pat Dail, Jan Darnell, Brian Davison, Dave & Megan Figel, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley, Donna Phillips, John Thomason

Bereaved

Prayers for Patricia Watson and family at the passing of husband and father, Jack Watson on July 9. A memorial service was held for Jack on July 16 at FPC.

Prayers for the family of Bob Bowman who died on June 24. A memorial service for Bob will be held at FPC on Saturday, August 1. Visitation is at 10am and the service will begin at 11am with a reception to follow in the narthex.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Back to School at Sunset Gap

Look for the sign up board in the narthex or outside for early service to sign up to sponsor an item for a child in Cocke Co. We are sponsoring 28 children this year. Sign up on the board, be sure to note your number and return to church by July 26. (no gift wrapping please)

You can also sign up online at

<https://tinyurl.com/SGback2school26>

or by using the QR code



Questions? Contact Debbie Long

DEADLINE

**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26
ALL SUNSET GAP AND
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
ARE DUE**

School Supply Drive



Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in collecting school supplies for Special Area Teachers (art, music, PE, special education) in Cocke and Sevier Counties. Items most needed include: tissues, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, printer paper, ziplock bags, hand sanitizer, markers, construction paper, bottled glue, skin-toned crayons, sketchbooks. You may place your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. Deadline is July 26.

Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

Come see all the cute clothes and supplies for our Sunset Gap children.

On Sunday July 26th we will be sorting all the items into one large bag for each child. Many hands will make this job go quickly right after the later service.

We only have 28 children but it's important that every item on each child's list is there and checked off. Come help for 30 minutes or an hour, if it takes that long.

We need you!



FPC Youth in grades 6-12 join us for our fun summer outings before school starts!

This Tuesday, July 21, we will be serving lunch at the Volunteer Ministry Center.

Contact Mason Warren for more information.

FPC YOUTH SUMMER 2026

JULY 21 _____ YOUTH SERVE @ VMC

JULY 26 _____ WHITE WATER RAFTING

AUGUST 2 _____ SOAKY MOUNTAIN WATERPARK

AUGUST 9 _____ NO YOUTH

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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FAMILY MINISTRIES



Kids ages 3-11, saddle up and join us for our Summer KidsQuest on the "Faith Frontier!"

We meet every Sunday during our 9am worship service for learning and activities that remind us how God remains present with us throughout every season and circumstance of life.





Soul Cafe meets in Room A at 10am.

John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day.

No lesson to prepare - come as you are!

SAVE THE DATE

Join our Quest Through the Wilderness! This fall, the Thursday evening Bible study group will begin an in-depth look at the Book of Exodus, from baby Moses to God descending in a cloud.

We meet from 7-8pm on Zoom almost every Thursday, but it's a come-when-you-can attendance policy, so don't let a busy schedule keep you away. If you'd like to know more, or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office. Our first class, which will be orientation, introduction, and fellowship time, will be September 10.

We'd love to have you join us.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Jul 19	9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot 10am Soul Cafe/Room A 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary 12pm Nibbles in the Narthex
Mon, Jul 20	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 5pm Church Life Committee/Library
Tues, Jul 21	10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
Wed, Jul 22	12pm Mah Jong/Narthex 12pm Parlor Reserved 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Jul 23	8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex 9am Property Committee/Library 12pm Pastors Lunch/Library 12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor
Fri, Jul 24	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, Jul 25	All-day Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sign up in the Narthex for the Foodies Picnic at Mikie's Lake House!

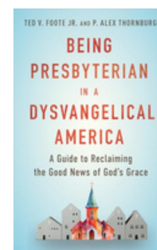
Our next gathering is THIS COMING

SATURDAY, July 25th starting at 3pm

The menu: Shrimp Boil (we eat at 5pm)



Pastor Matt's Class will resume August 2, in the library, with a study of the book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Presbyterian ministers Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg. "Dysvangelical" names a theology that is distorted, dysfunctional, and dystopian, twisting the good news of God's grace into a message of fear, partisanship, and exclusion.



"In this new book, the authors speak directly to Presbyterians who are disillusioned and confused by how Christianity is being misused in American culture. So often, our beliefs as faithful Christians do not line up with the shouted chants and disturbing actions taken by those claiming to represent a true vision of Christianity. Twenty-five years after their best-selling book *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*, the authors return with fresh urgency to affirm the heart of Reformed theology and what it means to be truly evangelical in a time of theological and cultural distortion. With clarity, compassion, and a touch of humor, *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* equips readers to name what feels wrong, rediscover what is right, and live into a gospel that is still good news for all."

As always, you need not have read the book to attend the class. In fact, invite a friend who might have interest in this discussion about the direction of the church and faith in our country today.